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TAGS: CASC (SHENEMAN, W. O. & CARLSON, DON)

SUBJECT: W/ W W. O. SHENEMAN AND DON CARLSON

REF: STATE 64196; B. CARACAS 2990; C. CARACAS 2809

1. WE WISH TO CLARIFY PRECISE STATUS OF SEARCH AND RESCUE
OPERATION FOR LOST SHENEMAN AIRCRAFT.

2. VENEZUELAN OPERATION HAS BEEN CONDUCTED ENTIRELY BY
PRIVATE PILOTS OF RESCATE VENEZUELA WORKING UNDER OVERVIEW
OF FUNDACION SOCIAL. SOLE SEARCH AND RESCUE AIRCRAFT OF MINISTRY
OF COMMUNICATIONS IS NOT IN OPERATING CONDITION. JULIO
LESCARBOURA IS PRINCIPAL PILOT INVOLVED IN SEARCH AND
IS PERSONALLY WELL- QUALIFIED (E. G. TRAINING IN ALPINE
SEARCH TECHNIQUES IN SWITERLAND).

3. IT WAS LESCARBOURA WHO MADE REQUEST FOR U. S. HELICOPTERS
REPORTED PARAGRAPH 4 REF C. THIS REQUEST HAS NOT BEEN FORWARDED
THROUGH MILITARY CHANNELS TO PANAMA BECAUSE PROCEDURE REQUIRES
THAT ON VENEZUELAN SIDE IT GO THROUGH VENEZUELAN AIR FORCE AND
VENEZUELAN AIR FORCE HAS NOT INVOLVED ITSELF IN THIS SEARCH
AND RESCUE OPERATION ON GROUNDS THAT IT HAS NO REASON TO
BELIEVE THAT PLANE ENTERED VENEZUELAN AIRSPACE. LACK OF
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DIRECT U. S. GOVERNMENT PARTICIPATION IN SEARCH PRESUMABLY IS
BASIS OF REPORTED LESCARBOURA ASSERTION TO MRS SHENEMAN THAT
U. S. GOVERNMENT IS DOING NOTHING TO HELP FIND PLANE.
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